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V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2025  
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN HISTORY  
5B11HIS : Historiography : Perspectives and Practices

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

**Instruction :** Answer may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

## SECTION – A

## (Short Notes)

Answer **all** questions in about **30** words **each**. Each carries **1** mark.

1. History and Historiography.
2. Isnad.
3. Descartes' contribution to historiography.
4. The enlightenment and historical thought.
5. Romanticist historians.
6. Toynbee.
7. Structuralism in history.
8. Fernand Braudel.
9. Foucault.
10. New historicism.

(10×1=10)

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## SECTION – B

## (Short Essays)

Answer **any six** questions in about **200** words **each**. Each carries **3** marks.

11. Analyze the contributions of Herodotus in the development of historical writing and evaluate his role as the 'Father of History'.
12. Examine the works of major Roman historians and assess their contributions to historiography.
13. Critically analyze Medieval Christian historiography with special reference to the ideas of St. Augustine.
14. Evaluate the impact of Renaissance humanism on the methods and perspectives of history writing.
15. Discuss the key features of Enlightenment historiography and interpret its significance in shaping modern historical thought.
16. Summarize the anti-cartesian philosophy of Vico.
17. Examine the role of Positivism in history and evaluate its influence on historical research methods.
18. Analyze the principles of New Historicism and interpret its role in modern historiography.
19. Critically evaluate postmodernist approaches to history and assess their impact on traditional historical narratives.

(6×3=18)

## SECTION – C

## (Essays)

Answer **any two** questions in about **400** words **each**. Each carries **6** marks.

20. Trace and evaluate the growth of historiography in Ancient Greece, highlighting key thinkers and methods.
21. Critically examine the contributions of Romanticist scholars to the evolution of historiographical traditions.
22. Analyze and assess historical materialism as a methodological foundation of modern historiography.
23. Evaluate and interpret the contributions of the Annales School in transforming the scope and methods of modern historical writing.

(2×6=12)